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The Privy Council of Scotlands *Letter to the King, together with the Arch-Bishops and Bishops: As also Several Englisch Addresses to His Majesty.*

Edinburgh, February 10. 1685.

LAst night arrived here a flying Pacquet, which brought us the most sorowful News of the Death of our late Gracious Soveraign; Whereupon the Lord Chancellor, and the Lord Thesaurer call'd the Privy Council immediatly to meet, and having expressed their just Grief for the loss of so good a King and Master, they unanimously, and with a great Alacrity, resolved to Proclaim the next morning Our Dread Soveraign King *JAMES* the Seventh. Accordingly at eight in the morning the Privy Council met again, and having read his Majesties Gracious Letter to them; the Lord Chancellor took the Oath of Allegiance, the Oath of a Privy Counsellor and the Test, and then administred the same to the other Counsellors; which done, they all Signed the Proclamation for Proclaiming his Majesty, and then went to assist at the Solemnity of it. The Lord Provost, Magistrats, and Town Council in their Formalities marched bare-Headed, next the Lyon and Heralds in their Coats of Arms displayed: Then the Lord Chancelor, Lord Thesaurer, and the rest of the Officers of State and Councellors, and other Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and after them the Lords of the Session in their Robes, The Train-Bands standing on both sides of the Street: Being come to the Cross, and mounting it, The Lord Chancellor Proclaimed the King, which was followed with an Universal Acclamation from more than 30000 of all Ranks of people present, who with up-lifted hands swore Alleagance to His Majesty. And then was Proclaimed his Majesties Gracious Proclamation for continuing all Officers by Lyon King at Arms; after which they marched back in the same manner to the Council-house. In the afternoon the Privy Council met again, and went with the Magistrats to the Cross, where they drank the King and Queens Health, and the rest of the Royal Families. The Town was full of Bonefires, the Canons from the Castle fired all the while, and the Night concluded with all imaginable Demonstrations of Joy and Satisfaction.

A Letter to His Majesty from His Privy Council of Scotland.

May it please Your Sacred Majesty.

NOthing could support us under this great load of just grief and sorrow, for the removal of our late Gracious Soveraign, who transcended all that ever Reigned before him, in Wisdom, Justice, and Clemency: But that he being thereby become without doubt more happy and glorious, hath left us under your Sacred Majesties most Auspicious Government, who are the undoubted and just Lineal Heir of Authority and Soveraignty, and the true Successour of his Royal Virtues, with all those great qualities which can fit a Prince for the glorious dignity of being Vicegerent to Almighty God. In whom also this your ancient Kingdom cannot but be happy in a most especial manner, your Majesty being the Lineal and Legal Successor, of that most ancient Race of Kings, by whom for so many ages this Kingdom hath been Governed with so much Justice, and defended by so much Valour; and your Sacred Majesty having been so instrumental in your own Person to secure us against those Confusions and Distractions, in which we were involved, before your Majesty did us the honour to spend some time amongst us.

We therefore your Majesties Privy Council, being Authorized by your Gracious Letter, did meet, and in Recognizance of your just right and Title, we did renew to your Sacred Majesty who now Reigns, the usual Oath of Privy Counsellors and thereafter attended by the Nobility and Clergy of this your ancient Kingdom, the Lords of your Council and Session, and the Magistrats of your

City of *Edinburgh*, did at the Mercat Croſs of this City, as uſe is, Proclaim and Declare your Majeſty our King and Soveraign, binding our ſelves by a ſolemn Oath, to hazard our Lives and Fortunes, in the Defence of your Majeſties Title and Perſon, which was moſt dutifully and joyfully ſeconded by the univerſal Acclamations of thoſe great crowds of your Majeſties Subjects who were then preſent. After which we likewiſe Promulgated your Gracious *P*roclamation, for continuing your Officers, Judges, and Magiſtrats in their former Employments. And as to theſe wherein your Majeſty is graciouſly pleaſed to continue us. We ſhall make it our chief endeavour to improve the ſame with all zeal and faithfulneſs for the good of your Majeſties Service. And that Almighty God, by whom Kings Reign, may preſerve your Royal Perſon, and make your Government Glorious and Succeſsful, is and ever ſhall be the Hearty *P*rayers of,

May it pleaſe your Sacred Majeſty,

Your Majeſties moſt Humble, moſt Faithful, and moſt Obedient Subjects and Servants.

Edinburgh, Feb. 10. 1685.

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A Letter to His Majeſty from the Arch-Biſhops and Biſhops of Scotland.

Moſt Sacred Soveraign.

OUr deep and Juſt Sorrow for the Death of our late Bleſſed and Gracious King, would certainly ſwallow us up, did not the righteous and peaceable Succeſſion of your Majeſty ſupport us under our unexpreſſible affliction.

Had we the honour and Happineſs to proſtrate our Perſons at your Royal Feet, our Tears would prove our beſt Orators for the former, as our *P*rayers and Thankſgivings to the only Ruler of *P*rinces, and our beſt and moſt faithful endeavours to ſerve your moſt Sacred Majeſty, ſhall ever expreſs our Joy and Zeal for the latter.

Your pious Zeal for the Honour and Intereſt of your Royal Brother our late Soveraign now in Glory; and for this your Ancient Kingdom whilſt we enjoyed the happineſs of your preſence amongſt us, as it did then demonſtrate you to be the beſt and moſt obedient of Subjects, ſo did it *P*rognoſticate your being the kindeſt and moſt *P*aternal of Soveraign *P*rinces to your *P*eople.

At this diſtance from your Royal *P*reſence, we are able in our preſent circumſtances to do no more than humbly to Addreſs to your Majeſty in *P*aper, to pay that Duty we owe upon ſo Solemn an occaſion; But are reſolved (if your Sacred Majeſty ſhall allow) to deſire the Arch-Biſhop of St. *Andrews* (who is moſt deſirous and ambitious to congratulate your moſt righteous Succeſſion to the Thrones of your Royal Anceſtors) to Addreſs himſelf to your Royal *P*reſence, more fully to expreſs our ſenſe and duty, than a Letter can allow, and humbly to implore your Majeſties *P*rotection and Favour to this National Church, and to our Order and *P*erſons; which we are humbly confident to obtain, when we reflect upon your *P*iety and Zeal for all theſe Intereſts, during your aboad in this Kingdom.

To honour, ſerve and humbly obey your Sacred Majeſty in all our Capacities, as Gods Vicegerent over us, is not only incorporated into our Religion, but is the moſt Zealous Inclination of,

Moſt Sacred Soveraign,

Your Majeſties moſt Humble, moſt Loyal, and moſt Obedient Subjects and Servants.

Edinburgh, Feb. 10. 1685.

Dublin, February 11.

HIs Grace the Duke of *Ormond*, Lord Lievtenant of this Kingdom, having receiv'd laſt night an expreſs, with the ſad News of Our Ineſtimable loſs in the Death of our late *S*overaign King *Charles* the ſecond, immediately ſummoned the Privy-Council, and there gave the Orders that were neceſſary on this

this occaſion. This morning the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, the Privy Council, the Judges, the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, and the Officers of the Army, as many of each Degree as were in Town, with many other Gentlemen of Quality, all in the Habits proper to their ſeveral Capacities attended his Grace in the Great Hall of the Caſtle, and having their unanimouſly Subſcribed a Recognition of the Indubitable Right and Tittle of King *James* the Second, took Horſe in the Caſtle-Yard, and riding out from thence attended with the Heralds, the ſeveral Enſigns of Authority, and the Trumpets and Kettle-Drums, Proclaimed His Majeſty in three places of this City, firſt at the Caſtle-Gate, then at the Toſſ, and laſtly in the publick Corn-Market, with Volleys of Shot from the Great Guns at each Proclamation. The whole Proceſſion was performed with all the Splendor and Solemnity the ſhortneſſe of time would permit, and with all poſſible demonſtrations of Joy and Satisfaction. In the Afternoon the Council was ſummoned again, and two Proclamations were Signed to be ſent forthwith to all the Counties of the Kingdom, the one for Proclaiming the King in all Shire Towns, and Towns Corporate, and the other for continuing all Magiſtrats and Officers both Civil and Military in their ſeveral Employments: and the night was begun with Bonfires and Ringing of Bells. The Recognition and Proclamation was according to the Form uſed in *England*.

White-Hall, Feb. 18. The Following Addreſſes have been preſented to His Majeſty, who received them very Graciouſly.

To the Kings moſt Excellent *Majeſty*.

WE *your* Majeſties *moſt Loyal and Dutieful Subjects, the* Governour and Company of Merchant-Adventurers of England, *having by the Royal Grace and Favour of your Majeſties moſt Noble Predeceſſors, flouriſhed as a Company of Merchants, near the ſpace of* 400 *years, as we are the ancienteſt in time, do think our ſelves obliged to be the firſt in Duty, in making this our moſt humble Addreſs to your* Majeſty. *And being overwhelmed in ſorrow, for our unſpeakable loſs, in the Death of our late* Dread Soveraign, *your* Majeſties *moſt dear Brother; are, in a great meaſure comforted and ſupported in that our juſt grief, by the* Rightful Lineal, and unquestionable Succeſſion *of your moſt Sacred* Majeſty, *Rendering infinite thanks for your Gracious Proclamation of the 9th inſtant; and do humbly ſubmit to your Royal Will and Pleaſure therein, for the Collection of the* Cuſtoms *as formerly; and always praying, (as in duty bound) your* Majeſties Government *may be long and proſperous over us, We will ever be ready to maintain and defend the ſame with our Lives and Fortunes.*

To the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Lord and Proprietary, the Merchants, Traders and Planters, of and belonging to His Majeſties Province of Maryland.

WE your Majeſties moſt Loyal, and Dutiful Subjects, the Lord, and Proprietary, Merchants, Traders, and Planters of, and belonging to your Majeſties Province of *Maryland*; as we do with the deepeſt ſenſe of ſorrow humbly bemoan your Majeſties loſs of the beſt of Brothers, in the Deceaſe of our late moſt Gracious Soveraign. So do we no leſs rejoice at your Majeſties happy Acceſſion to the Throne of your Royal Predeceſſors, and Soveraignty over us, ſince the early and many Proofs which your Majeſty has given abroad, and at home, in Defence of your now Dominions, of all thoſe Royal Virtues, which now render you the greateſt of Monarchs, and moſt eſpecially, your Magnanimity and ſteddy Conduct in the moſt adverſe of Fortunes, has given us aſſurance that our Lives and Properties are ſecurely Depoſited in your Majeſties hands. We therefore in regard that the Cuſtoms are the moſt conſiderable, and growing Branch of your Majeſties Revenue. Do moſt humbly acquieſce and ſubmit to the Proclamation which your Majeſty has been pleaſed to publiſh for Collecting the Cuſtoms, as in the time of our late Soveraign, and ſhall pay all Obedience there-

thereunto. Willing with most sincere and zealous hearts, that your Majesty may continue in a long and Glorious Reign over us.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Court of Assistants, and Body of the Artillery Company of the City of London.

THat your Majesties said ever Loyal and most obedient Subjects and Souldiers, do with all their Souls bless Almighty God, for the Deliverance of your Sacred Majesty out of the hands of your blood-thirsty and malicious Enemies, and for Repairing the heaviest Calamities imaginable, in the loss of our late Dread Sovereign, by so illustrious a Succession, both to his Imperial Crown, and to his Royal Vertues, all Plots, Forgeries, and Antimonarchical Bills of Exclusion notwithstanding.

And your Majesties humble Subjects being conscious to themselves of the double Duty, as well of a Military as of a Civil Allegiance, having for many years last past had the honour to be Arm'd under your Majesties Command, as their Princely Leader, and at present as their Dread Soveraign, Do with their Lives and Fortunes declare their uttermost detestation of all Conspirators, and Conspiracies whatsoever; and that they will with their Swords in their Hands, Defend your Majesties Honour, Person, Crown, Title and Dignity against all Opposers to their last Breath; Beseeching Almighty God to showre down upon your Sacred Head all Blessings both of the Right and Left Hand. And your Majesties most dutiful Subjects do no longer expect mercy from Heaven, than while they continue firm and steady in their Faith and Allegiance to your most Excellent Majesty.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty, King *James* the Second,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Bailiffs and Commonality of the City of Winchester.

Sheweth.

THat we your Majesties most Loyal, Dutiful and Obedient Subjects, Do from the bottom of our Hearts, and with unexpressible grief Condole the Death of that Excellent Prince King *Charles* the Second (of blessed Memory) your Majesties Dear Brother, and our late Dread Soveraign, and with unspeakable Joy give thanks to Almighty God for your Majesties Accession to the Throne of your Ancestors, and Government of these Nations, Rightly descended to you: And we most humbly pray that your Majesty will please to accept of our Vows and unalterable Resolutions, to venture our Lives and Fortunes for the Defence of your Sacred Person, Crown and Dignity.

We should be ungrateful if we could forget, how often your Majesty hath freely ventured your Life for the Honour and Preservation of these Kingdoms, when your Valour Crowned you with Lawrels, and we must lose our senses to imagine you will do less for their Welfare now, that Heaven hath placed you on the Throne.

And your Majesty was Graciously pleased to be instrumental to your late Royal Brother, and present Queens, honouring our City with their presence; and we humbly hope and pray, That at some leisure time, you and your Royal Consort will do us the like Honour, and enjoy the benefit of our Air, which both of you found healthful, and we hope may conduce to your Majesties having a numerous Issue by that Virtuous Princess.

It is both our Duty and Interest to offer up dayly Prayers for your Majesties long Life and most happy Reign over us; and since the latter will be impossible, if you should lose what you love best on Earth, (and which best deserves it) we shall add to our Prayers, That Queen *Mary* may equally live long with your Majesty, that her life may be a lasting Pattern for Virtue, Reproach to Vice, and her Person an unparallelled Grace to your Throne.

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